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NOTICE OF MEETING

The next meeting will be held in the Royal Society Room, Tasmanian Museum, on Thursday November 23rd at 7.45.p.m.

SPEAKER

Mr. L. E. Wall

SUBJECT

Birds of the Tahune and Hartz Reserves.

BUS OUTING

Date - Saturday Nov. 23rd.

Destination - Tahune and Hartz Reserves.

Meet - Prince Theatre

Time - NOTE - 9.30 a.m. - LEAVE.

Return - between 5 and 5.30 p.m.

Leader - Mr. D.G. Thomas. President of B.O.A.T.

Cost - Adults \$3.00. Some free seats for Juniors.

There could be a few seats available. If you find you can go, get in touch with Miss Warren either at 232033 (day) or 346740 (before 10.p.m.)
... you might be lucky!

SHORT TALK at the meeting - Miss Holt has some slides for us.

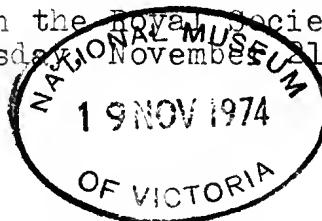
LIBRARY

Will all those who have Library Books out please remember to return them at this November meeting?

Thankyou!

This will be the last Bulletin for this year.

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BONESEED

Chrysanthemoides monilifera.
(was formerly *Osteospermum moniliferum*)

Curtis.. page 573, says - a shrub 1-2m. high with spreading branches... Introduced; garden-escape, naturalised. Native in S. Africa.



In Victoria it is listed as a noxious weed. The seeds are hard and persistant. The Victorian Field Nats and the Bird Observers Club have working bees of members who spend hours pulling up young boneseeds in some of the Reserves. The plants are very invasive and could crowd out our native vegetation.

Devonport Field Nats have found it at Sulphur Creek, and at Blythe Heads. It can be seen in some of Hobart's gardens and there is a big patch on the N.Western side of the Domain. There is quite a lot around the roads at Bicheno, and among the boulders of their 'lookout' hill.

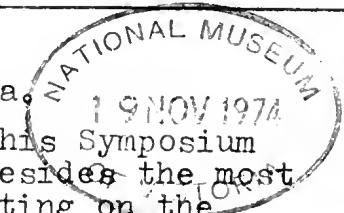
SHOULD WE NOT HAVE THIS DECLARED as a noxious weed in Tasmania before it gets away from us?

Ecology Action

..is a national organisation formed by people wanting to take action to prevent irreversible destruction of life on earth. Members come from a broad cross-section of the community. It is organising to take action through legal and political systems to prevent where possible further environmental breakdown. It is assisted by some of Australia's leading scientists and experts and co-operates with organisations such as The National Trust of Australia, INSPECT, ZPR, and Social Responsibility in Science to deal with issues of joint interest, and with a number of conservation and wildlife bodies.

A membership application form is available.

Royal Society - Symposium on
Resources of the Sea.



Several Field Nats members attended this Symposium which was held recently at Bicheno. Besides the most stimulating lectures, there was an outing on the Sunday afternoon to places north of Bicheno, and on Monday, a day trip to Maria Island.

During our walks by the seacoast the geologists were intrigued with the granite and other intrusions easily seen along the rocks, the 'birdos' noted the dotterels and a sea-eagle (among other birds), and the botanists found plenty of interest in the east-coast flora.

On Maria, we delved into history in the morning and in the afternoon continued this by looking over the old limekilns, and then climbing down to the old workings where the rocks were a mass of fossils.

While a group of us were listening to Mr. Banks explaining the fossils, we were startled by a fierce scolding coming from under the big boulder we were inspecting. -- By going down on our knees we discovered a very perturbed mother penguin protesting violently at our presence!

We were each given a very comprehensive booklet, on Maria Island, compiled by N.P. and W.L. Service.

From Burnie Newsletter:-

A party visiting Rocky Cape found 20 different types of orchids in flower, and 9 others in leaf... that must have been a wonderful day!

The same Newsletter included a most comprehensive account of their investigations into the animal life in pine forests. They have been to several different areas and compared re-growth eucalypt areas as well as the pines.

A.C.F. Newsletter:- includes interesting brochure on new publication by the Victorian Parks Association - 'The Alps at the Crossroads' The theme is that the conservation of the high country is best realised in the creation of a large contiguous Alpine National Park. Gives history of early days exploration, settlement, grazing, gold rushes, land management, growth of adventure recreation, alpine environment and suggestions for future.

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